

Plea for Government Manufacture of War Munitions

[By Clyde H. Taverner, Special Correspondent to The Times]

I sat recently in the House of Representatives and heard the Hon. Augustus Gardner of Massachusetts make the statement upon his responsibility as a member of the American Congress, that—

"If war were to break out today, it would be found that our coast defenses have not sufficient ammunition for an hour's fight!"

Whether or not Mr. Gardner's statement is correct I cannot say, because I do not know; but this I do know, that we do not have the ammunition and armament that we have paid for and should have in return for the countless millions of dollars of the American people's money that have been expended from the Public Treasury.

I mean to say that those Army and Navy officers who do the purchasing of war munitions and who are paid a salary by the people and are trusted by the people to see that the Government receives a dollar's worth of material for every dollar expended, have permitted a ring of ammunition manufacturers to outrageously overcharge Uncle Sam for armor, guns, powder, and munitions in general.

For instance, the War Department in 1913 purchased seven thousand 4.7-inch shrapnel from the ammunition ring, paying \$25.26 each therefor. At the same time precisely the same shrapnel was being manufactured in the Government-owned Frankford Arsenal for \$15.45, all overhead charges included.

Mr. Average Citizen, are you willing that the public officials in the War Department who are spending your money, should pay \$25.26 for the article that they could have manufactured in Government plants for \$15.45.

This instance is not the exception, it is the rule. The Army and Navy officers in 20 years have purchased \$175,000,000 worth of armor, armament and munitions from four firms, which have a monopoly in this country on the manufacture of such supplies and have this grasping war trust from 20 to 60 per cent more than the same articles could have been manufactured for in Government plants.

As the result of frequently repeated statements similar to that made by Mr. Gardner, the

average citizen is at last beginning to ask: "What becomes of the \$250,000,000 that is being spent annually on our Army and Navy? Who, pray, is getting the money?"

And it is time the people are beginning to show anxiety, because their money has been squandered like water, and unless Mr. Average Citizen wakes up and removes the wool from his eyes it is going to continue to be squandered.

The American people have never been let into the secret of who the profit makers are in the traffic of war and preparation for war in this country, and the methods by which they help themselves at the public trough. I will go further and venture the assertion that not 30 members of Congress know the identity of the select ring of patriots for profit into whose pockets the millions of the masses are pouring, which gentlemen have a water-tight monopoly in this country on the traffic of war trading, and who have drawn down every penny of \$50,000,000 in excessive and extortionate profits from the Government by direct virtue of their influential friends in the Army, the Navy, and in Congress. Lest any gentlemen in high places should resent the implication of being friends of the War Trust, I hasten at the out-set to concede their contentions that they are patriots; yes, all of them.

The Secretary of the Navy can try as he will to get someone to underbid the armor ring, either in this country or abroad, and he will not be able to escape the net; he has tried and has not been able to escape it.

Armor, armament, and ammunition contractors are not big enough fools to cut each other's throats. Their business is to supply for a gigantic profit the wherewithal for the peoples of the earth to enjoy a monopoly of throat cutting and the pulling of limb from limb. As for themselves, they do not indulge in price-cutting warfare. Their game is purely profit-making. They started the ball rolling by making nations distrustful of one another, and then inducing them to over-prepare for war. Does anyone doubt that if the European nations had not been so over-prepared for war they would have been so willing to have entered into it?

JOURNALISM GRADUATES IN NEWSPAPER WORK

Seventy-Five of Eighty-Seven Holding Degree from M. U. School of Journalism in Fourth Estate

Of the eight-seven students who have been graduated from the School of Journalism in the University of Missouri in seven classes, seventy-five are engaged in various phases of newspaper or closely related work. One is dead, two of the young women quit newspaper work to be married, one is a preacher, two are in the mercantile business, and one is a musician.

These graduates are working in nineteen different states and two foreign countries. About fifty of them are located in Missouri. Two of these graduates are from foreign countries, Hugh J. McKay of Earlton, Nova Scotia, and Hin Wong, of Canton, China.

There was but one graduate in the first class—1908—Charles Arnold, now professor of Journalism at the University of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Four of the graduating class of 1915 are already owners or editors of newspapers in Missouri. One of this year's class is working on the editorial staff of the Tokio Advertiser, Tokio, Japan, another is on the staff of the Kansas City Star and another will take up reporting and advertising work.

OZARK UNIVERSITY NOTES

Joseph Huber has changed positions in St. Louis and is now with the American Steel Foundries, Frisco building.

Prof. Kinder has returned from a three-weeks' canvassing trip throughout Southeast Missouri counties. Mrs. Kinder and daughter, Evelyn, expect to arrive in Farmington Saturday.

Our new typewriting stands in our model department, will be graced by an equipment of new typewriters this week. Remingtons and Monarchs are in majority.

Ruth Garner is doing book-keeping work at McKinney's part of the day, also doing stenographic work in the office of Oscar Haile & Co., Real Estate & Insurance.

We have several prospective students going to enroll for the Civil Service department work. This is an excellent line of study and we are anxious to have many take it up.

Howard Cunningham, one of our special successful students, now with the Frisco Railway, honored us with a visit in the new quarters. He was very complimentary in regard to our new home.

Miss Hazel Belknap becomes stenographer in the office of Edward Barroll, the letter specialist, next week. Mr. Barroll never fails to call upon us to supply his wants in the office, and we feel confident that Miss Hazel will make good in this responsible position.

Our school intends to have an up-to-date organized number as the Ozark Business University Orchestra. We have a piano in our building and expect to have song service and other forms of opening exercises, feeling that this will be a very welcome feature to our students.

President Moothart has just received an interesting letter from Edward Cunningham. Ed writes that he now is located at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and that he has charge of the bookkeeping, while his wife does the stenographic work for a large glass manufacturing company in that city.

We wish to extend our thanks to the large number of citizens of Farmington, as well as a number from the country, who have visited our new quarters, during the past few days. We appreciate your coming, but very earnestly request that you call again next week or as soon after as possible and find our new home finished and the school doing regular training work as performed in the professional world.

As will be seen in another article this week in this paper, the well-known star pitcher for the St. Louis Browns, Barney Peltz, has been engaged by the management of the Ozark Business University to have full charge of our college athletics and also act as physical director. Mr. Peltz's reputation in the various games of baseball, basketball and football are well known by all of his admirers not only in Missouri but he has a national reputation. Young men lovers of either one of these sports are fortunate indeed to be under such a well qualified experienced director.

Prof. Cecil Hughes made us a very pleasant call the other day and said that while at the Missouri University this summer, he met with two of the Moothart graduates who were specially prominent as private stenographers. Burdine Crowe has the very special distinction of being private secretary and stenographer to Dean Leob of the University, while John Steele, son of Rev. Steele of Flat River, is stenographer for the State Historical Society connected with the University. He says that

NEW LEAGUE FORMED

Meeting Held Last Week and DeSoto Improvement League Organized.

A meeting was held last Thursday night at the South Methodist Church for the purpose of making a permanent organization out of the movement started at the last Sunday afternoon service of the Wheeler meetings.

The main auditorium of the church was well filled with men and women. After several short talks a name for the organization was voted on and the DeSoto Improvement League was selected. E. S. Fauth, acting as temporary chairman, appointed a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws to be considered at a meeting to be held in the Christian church Friday night, August 27.

Just what line of work will be taken up first by the organization will not be determined until after the next meeting. Dr. Charles T. Wheeler, two weeks ago, in forming the temporary organization stated that a local option election for DeSoto should be kept in mind and everything done towards making an opportune time for the election. However, the League will likely take up other matters of civic welfare before taking up this question. A Ways and Means Committee will likely be appointed at the next meeting to have the election matter in hand and carry on the preliminary work.—DeSoto Times.

WOMEN AND WAR

Men still die for their country and die as gladly now as they died in Rome or in the land of Canaan. But it is not always of the fatherland that they think when the death summons comes.

Here is a very striking passage from a story of a battlefield which was lately given to Mrs. Philip Snowden, wife of the English labor leader in parliament, by an officer of the front:

"It is not always the shrieks of the wounded as they fall. It is not the sight of the dead as they lie there, but it is the cry of the wounded boys calling for their mothers, and there is no one to do anything for them. They are the boys of 16 and 17, and even younger. They may say, 'mother, mother,' but in their agony all those boys call for the one who has given them the greatest care in their lives."

The greatest thing in the world comes to the front in death. The "mother country" is the country of the mother, and it is the motherland because it is her land. And at her fireside the mother is calling for the dying boy as desperately as the boy calls for her.

Yet women have no part in war, we are told. The men bear all that burden. Is it true? What an aggregate of heartbreak between the mother and the son, the wife and her husband, the sister and her brother, this gigantic massacre in Europe is inflicting upon the world!—New York Mail.

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there are a number of ambitious young men working their way through the University by means of stenography.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmington Times Printing Co. will be held at the office of the said company in Farmington on Tuesday, September 7th, 1915, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting.

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Whereas, Bessie E. Noland, now more than nine months dead, and E. T. Noland, her husband, of the County of St. Francois, State of Missouri, by their certain deed of trust, dated December 1, 1911, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for St. Francois County and State of Missouri, in Book 71, page 336, conveyed to Russell Doss, Trustee, the following described real estate and personal property, situate, lying and being in the County of St. Francois and State of Missouri, to-wit:

Lots 1, 2, 3, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 of Block One, and Lots 1

and 2 of Block Two, Hunter Place, a Subdivision of part of the Alexander tract, containing about one acre, and Lot 65, a subdivision of Survey 2969, Township 35 and 36 North, Range 5 East; and also the following shares of stock in the St. Francois County Building & Loan Association of Farmington, Mo., viz: Ten Shares, Series Number Five;

Which said conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of a certain promissory note therein described; and, whereas, said note has become due and payable, and the said Bessie E. Noland (deceased) and E. T. Noland, her husband, have made default in the payment of said note and the interest thereon and the same remains due and unpaid;

Now, therefore, at the request of the legal holder and owner of said note, and in pursuance of the authority in me vested by the said deed of trust, I, the undersigned Trustee, hereby give public notice that I will, on

Saturday, September 11, 1915, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon and 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the South front door of the Court House in the City of Farmington, in the County of St. Francois, and State of Missouri, offer for sale and sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, all the right, title, claim, interest and estate of the said Bessie E. Noland (deceased) and E. T. Noland, her husband, to the above described real estate and personal property, to satisfy said deed of trust and interest and expense of executing this trust.

RUSSELL DOSS, Trustee.
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NOTICE

A teachers' meeting of two days' duration will be held at the Farmington High School building September 3 and 4. The law requires this meeting to be held and makes it the duty of all St. Francois County teachers to attend.

Very respectfully,
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used to shout "show us the books, there is a million dollar shortage," and when they go the books they never found a single penny's shortage.—Prospect-News.

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